

CHAPTER 1

In order to find whether the suspect [Zico] was truly behind such a crime officer Uriah that is the head of a team that is given the responsibility to investigate for the fact about zico's case went to zico's alleged place of crime so that he can ask people around the place about the alleged zico's crime. when officer Uriah reached the alleged Zico's crime place he saw a young man called Miah. 'Good afternoon sir' Miah said to officer Uriah, 'thank you. Do you live around here?' officer Uriah asked asked Miah, ' yes sir' Miah responded, 'please bear with me in some time. Do you know someone called Zico that was suspected to have killed his mother for money ritual?' officer Uriah asked Miah, "oh yes, Zico, i know him," Miah responded to the officer Uriah. Then immediately officer Uriah asked Miah to tell him about Zico and the alleged Zico's 'killing of his mother for money ritual'. Then immediately Miah granted the request of Officer Uriah by saying "Madam zagatha's(Zico's mother) is a kind woman - her kindness towards Zico seems like something that can't produce warrant for her to be killed by Zico. The following stories contains the examples of Madam Zagatha's kindness to her son: "A Four years old Zico that lived In a rural area with his mother was beloved by his mother. Zico's father was Late- he died four days later after zico was born. Zico is the Only Child of his Parents. Madam Zagatha worked so hard to make Sure Zico doesn't feel hungry, she always worked hard to provide Zico's needs. Zico's mother even starves in order to provide her son's needs.

Zico's mother was a woman that values education, she had keen interest for Zico to attend school and be educated. She wished that Zico could become a medical doctor someday. She put Zico in a school called 'Moby nursery and primary school' at Umuafu community. As a single parent, the burden of taking responsibility to care for her only child was more, despite this burden she still persisted to provide for her child's needs by withstanding pains. There had never been anytime that Zico's needs had never been provided quickly except during one particular time. Of that particular time, what caused the little delay for Zico's mother to provide Zico's school need was because Zico's mother lost her money to robbers. But despite the robbery she never gave-up to provide Zico's school need(school fees), she sold some of her cloths so that she can get money to pay Zico's school fees.

The time that there was a delay to provide Zico's school need was a memorable time. Zico's mother lost large part of her money to robbery; only small amount of money was left that can barely help to provide adequate food for Zico. So because of this incident Zico's mother couldn't pay Zico's school fees in time. Zico was refused learning in school and sent home owing to not hadn't paid his school fees. Zico's mother so much valued education to the extent that her son's inability to access learning made tears drop down her cheeks. The level of sadness in Zico's mother that day made that day memorable.

Zico's mother was so much protective of Zico. The type of protection Zico receives from his mother makes some people to be envious of Zico. There was a time that Zico's mother took Zico along with her to the farm. The farm was located in a bush. Unfortunately Zico's mother and Zico was surrounded with wild dogs trying to attack madam Zagatha and her son. Madam Zagatha fought and killed the wild dogs that came to attack her and her son. Despite the dog bites on her she still persisted with pain by continuing fighting the wild dogs in order to save her child. Zico's mother was also always caring to protect Zico from any sort of bullying.

Madam Zagatha was fearless in being protective of her child from any sort of bully. It was said that there was a feared cruel teacher in Zico's school that used to bully Zico. The feared teacher could not stop Zico's mother to make him to stop bullying Zico.

Zico was in sometimes helped out to do his school homework at home by his mother, it was said that Zico was made to understand certain subjects by his mother -- subjects that he was unable to comprehend at school.

I have never heard when madam Zagatha ever showed wickedness to Zico. Despite all these love that Zico's mother showed to Zico, Zico couldn't remember the love -- he rather was heartless enough to take away his mother's life.

I have a video of Zico killing his mother in my phone". "Oh! you have a video of Zico killing his mother?" officer Uriah asked, "yes sir" Miah responded. - The police officer then requested to own the video. Miah then granted officer Uriah's request by sending the video to his phone.

After officer Uriah had collected the video from Miah he asked Miah whether he knows someone that knows about the information of Zico killing of his mother for money ritual.

Miah then gave the officer Uriah the address and name of the person that knows the information about Zico's "killing of his mother for money ritual".

After all this conversation the officer Uriah thanked Miah and left.

On Tuesday afternoon officer Uriah approached the commissioner of police of his state and showed him the video allegedly indicating when and where Zico was killing his mother. -The commissioner of police Mr Lexi thanked officer Uriah for getting such an evidence, and also he told officer Uriah to carry out an interrogation on Zico with the video. After about two minutes conversation with Mr Lexi officer Uriah left.

On the same Tuesday but in the evening, officer Uriah went to police station where Zico was imprisoned and then ordered that Zico should be brought to the interrogation room. A prison worker went and brought out Zico to the interrogation room. Officer Uriah then started interrogating Zico by telling Zico: "Tell me the truth, are you the one that killed your mother? I asked this question because there are evidences showing that you're the one that killed your mother for money ritual". " I didn't kill my mother ":Zico replied to Officer Uriah, " I have a video showing where and when you were killing your mother", officer Uriah said to Zico, " Tell me the truth did you kill your mother for money ritual" officer continued to talk to the 16 years old Zico, " I didn't kill my mother, and I never used my mother for money ritual" Zico responded. Officer Uriah then told Zico that there was a person who saw him while he was killing his mother. Zico still persisted by saying that he didn't kill his mother. Officer Uriah then asked Zico whether he thinks that the person wasn't being genuine, Zico then replied by asserting that the person wasn't being genuine. Officer Uriah then showed Zico the video he collected from Miah -- a 30 minutes clip. However, Zico still insisted that he didn't kill his mother and that the person in the video that was thought to be him isn't him. Officer Uriah then responded to him by saying to him:"Therefore you think the video was photo shopped?", "yes" Zico replied. Officer Uriah with fury then asked Zico the same question again whether he was the one that killed his mother for money ritual.-Zico again said that he wasn't the one. Ok, I am done with you for today, I will still seek for answers from you another day", officer Uriah said to Zico.

After this conversation with Zico, officer Uriah then asked a prison warder to take Zico back to the cell. Then later Zico with his handcuffed hand was taken back to the cell. Immediately after, officer Uriah left.

CHAPTER 2

The day immediately after the day of the interrogation of Zico with the video, Officer Uriah sought for the man that can be located with the link that Miah gave him. He reached the man by asking people along the road about the location of the residence of the man. " kpom kpom kpom" officer Uriah knocked on a gate, -" who is that" a young woman utters as response to the knocking, "a police officer, please is zeruah around?, I am here to ask him some few questions only" officer

Uriah responded. The young woman then opened the gate of the house for officer Uriah to enter inside the compound. Officer Uriah then entered inside and said to the young woman: "How are you? Are you Zeruiah's sister?", " i am fine, yes I am Zeruiah's younger sister" the young woman responded, " ok, please call Zeruiah for me. I am here to ask questions and not to harm or arrest anybody" officer Uriah utters to the young woman, " ok, let me go and call him" the young woman replied. The young woman went inside the house to call her elder brother Zeruiah. " Big brother. A police officer is looking for you, and he is waiting for you outside" the young woman utters to her brother Zeruiah.-Fear gripped Zeruiah. " Hmm, did I commit any offence? Did he state any reason why he is here for me?" Zeruiah responded to his sister, " He said he is here to ask you questions and not to arrest or harm anybody" the young woman replied, " ok, let me go and meet him" Zeruiah said to the young woman. Later, Zeruiah then went outside the house and immediately meet officer Uriah on the compound. "Good morning sir", Zeruiah said to officer Uriah, " Thank you, good morning to you too. Are you Zeruiah?" Officer Uriah said to Zeruiah, "Thank you, yes I am Zeruiah", Zeruiah replied. " Do you know of a man called Zico?", Officer Uriah said to Zeruiah, "where is he from?" Zeruiah replied, "From Umufo community", officer Uriah replied, " is it the Zico that killed his mother for money ritual", Zeruiah said to officer Uriah, "oh yes, that's the person I am talking about", officer Uriah replied. Officer Uriah then asked Zeruiah to tell him about the alleged Zico's crime. Zeruiah then asked the officer Uriah how he was able to locate him. Officer Uriah then told him that Miah provided a link that was used to locate him.

While Zeruiah was still conversating with officer Uriah, Zeruiah granted the request of officer Uriah concerning Zico's alleged crime by saying "Mrs Zagatha(Zico's mother) was always caring to Zico;- she never allow any harm on Zico, Zico is her only child, she is a devout christian and tried to imbibe christian values into Zico, and because of this influence Zico became deeply religious.- she always work hard to provide Zico's needs.- she always instruct Zico on the virtue of contentment. Our society is competitive, and any person that doesn't have money is looked upon as a stupid person or a loser. The more money you have the more respect you have from people. I think Zico's action of "killing his mother for money ritual" was as a result of the influence of the environment on Zico. Some people in this Umuofia community are afraid that they might not outshine their neighbours by wealth. This competitive mentality is what I think mislead Zico to kill his mother for money ritual. When you ask people here what causes them unhappiness they would say that its the struggle for life. This struggle for life means struggle for sucess. What people fear when they engage in the struggle is not that they will fail to get their lunch next afternoon, but that they will fail to outshine their neighbours. Due to the nature of the social environment, Zico that was once enthusiastic to go to school started thinking that school is rubbish and waste. I feel that Zico lost interest in school because he felt that school won't make him acquire the large amount of money that could be possible within a minimum amount of time. Zico lost interest in school to the extent of using his school fees for his personal consumption, -Zico's school sometimes sends students that had not paid their school fees home. Hence refusing them lessons at school; Due to this, Zico was sometimes sent back home. Whenever Zico's mother knows that Zico cosummed his school fees given by her she weeps uncontrollably. Some young boys that are of the same age as Zico, but are rich boys that are school drop-outs became Zico's role models. And I heard that these rich boys were cultist and immediately Zico befriended them he became their cultism member. Zico started missing lessons at school by patronising all these his rich role models during lesson hours of school. Zico sometimes deceives his mother by putting on his school uniform and signnating that he is going to school, but along the road to school he removes the school uniform and change to mufti in order to go and see his rich role models. Zico was told by that his friends that killing human for money ritual was the source of their wealth. One guy named Baon was his highest influence, and Baon, I heard, told him that his source of wealth came from money ritual. So because of this influence Zico believed that money ritual can give him

money, and then he killed his mother for money ritual. I caught him when he was killing his mother, I tried to save his mother but saving her was too difficult. With my leg I hit the door of the enclosed space where Zico was killing his mother. But after I was able to open the door Zico had already killed his mother. The alarm I raised made people to gather, and because of this Zico was unable to escape. Then later he was arrested by the police. Zico had a cut on his hand while he was stabbing his mother with knife. The cloth I have can provide DNA prove that Zico killed his mother for money ritual; the cloths I think, has blood stain from Zico and madam Zagatha. Officer Uriah interrupted by saying "can you give me the cloths?", " oh yes" Zeruiah replied to officer Uriah. Zeruiah then went and brought the cloths to officer Uriah. Officer Uriah thanked Zeruiah for giving out time to tell him about the alleged Zico's crime. Then later he bid Zeruiah goodbye and left with the blood-stained cloths.

CHAPTER 3

After the conversation with Zeruiah, officer Uriah went to see Mr Lexi the commissioner of police and told him about the cloths with the blood stain of Zico's and madam Zagatha's blood. Mr Lexi then congratulated officer Uriah for the nice work he had done. -Mr Lexi said: "congrat for this feat of nice work you have done, you are a great asset in this country. How were you able to get this cloths that is stained with blood?".-" A young man named Zeruiah who is from the same place like Zico's. Zeruiah said he witnessed when Zico was killing his mother, moreover he said he tried to save madam Zagatha's life but was barriered by a locked door. Zeruiah said he got the cloths from the scene where Zico killed his mother and that he believes that blood from both Zico and madam Zagatha is on the cloths", officer Uriah replied to Mr Lexi. Mr Lexi then ordered the officer Uriah to take the cloths to a place to do a DNA test on the blood stain that is ingrained on the cloths. Afterwards, officer Uriah left the place of Mr Lexi and took the cloths to a diagnostic centre for a DNA test to be conducted on the blood stains.

When Officer Uriah reached the diagnostic centre he submitted the cloths with the blood stain for DNA test to be conducted on it. One of the workers in the diagnostic centre said to officer Uriah:"How can I help you sir".-"I want DNA test conducted on this blood to know the identity of the owners of the blood", officer Uriah replied to the worker, "OK sir, the work will be finished in three days time", the worker said to officer Uriah, " Alright, I shall come in three days time to collect the test result", officer Uriah said to the worker. Then later officer Uriah left the diagnostic centre.

One day while officer Uriah was awake in the night lying down in his bed in the bedroom, his wife lying down beside him in the same bed asked him why he was awake and looking like someone that is thinking about a problem. "What are you thinking darling?", officer Uriah's wife asked officer Uriah, " I am thinking about a case in our station that is about a young man that killed his mother for money ritual. Cold runs through my blood whenever I remember this case. The case gives me sleepless night ", officer replied. " Tell me about the case, please", officer Uriah's inquired from Officer Uriah. Officer Uriah then told his wife all what he heard about alleged Zico's "killing of his mother" for money ritual. "Nawa oh! The world is filled with a lot of evil, a human killing his mother is too atrocious. Foolishness of being greedy to become superior to his neighbour by wealth led him to kill his mother for money ritual. Well, I think people are born ignorant not stupid, they are made stupid by education", officer Uriah's wife later said to her

husband. " Despite that there are resources within his reach that can sustain him, but he was not contented, he rather choose to kill his mother for money ritual", officer Uriah said to his wife. " The boy is not morally impregnable, and perhaps he sees religion as a source of suffering alleviation only", officer Uriah's wife said to officer Uriah. " After I get the test result, and the test result proves that it was him that murdered his mother, I shall make him confess by torture if needed", officer Uriah said to his wife. " But immediately I get the test result, I shall take it to the commissioner of police so that I can notify him about the test result; justice must prevail, I must pursue this case to the end" officer Uriah continued to say to his wife. "Oh yes, that is a necessary thing to do. Darling sleep, some health issues are caused by lack of enough sleep" officer Uriah's wife said to officer Uriah. Then later according to officer Uriah he slept after adhering to his wife's advice.

On the day that the DNA test result of the blood stain on the cloths was to be collected, officer Uriah who submitted the blood-stained cloths for DNA test came to the diagnostic centre in the afternoon time to collect the DNA test result. When Officer Uriah entered the diagnostic centre, a worker in the diagnostic centre said to officer Uriah:"How can I help you sir?".- " I am here to collect a test result " officer Uriah replied to the worker, "what kind of test was done", the worker asked officer Uriah, " OK, sir go to that table there and meet the employee there, the employee there will give you the test result" the worker continued talking to officer Uriah while pointing his finger to the table, " OK thank you", officer Uriah later said to the worker. Officer Uriah then went to the table that he was directed to go to. When officer Uriah reached the table, he told the employee sitting on a chair beside the table that he was there for the DNA test result, then the employee asked him his name. Officer Uriah gave the employee his name, and then the DNA test was found and given to him. "Thank you very much" officer Uriah said to the employee that gave him the test result, " you're welcome sir" the result giver replied to officer Uriah, " alright goodbye", officer Uriah said to the employee. When officer Uriah approached outside he opened the envelope where the DNA test result was put in and saw the result.

Immediately after seeing the test result, officer Uriah went with the test result to the place of the office of the commissioner of police Mr Lexi in order to show Mr Lexi the test results. " kpom kpom" was the sound of officer Uriah's knock on the door of Mr Lexi's office. "Come in", Mr Lexi responded to the knock on his office door. Immediately, officer Uriah opened the door and entered inside the office. " oh! Officer Uriah is that you? You're welcome, you can sit down on that chair", Mr Lexi said to officer Uriah. " thank you sir", officer Uriah said to Mr Lexi while trying to sit down on a chair. " so why are you here to see me today?" Mr Lexi asked officer Uriah. "Sir, I am here to show you the test result of the blood that stained those cloths I told you about few days ago", officer Uriah replied, Wow! Let me see the result" Mr Lexi enquired. Officer Uriah then handed the test result to Mr Lexi. Mr Lexi opened the envelope and saw the test result. " OK it's nice to behold this test result", Mr Lexi uttered after seeing the test results, "Now, fresh samples should be gotten from Zico and madam Zagatha for DNA test too" Mr Lexi said. " OK sir, I suppose that is the right thing to do", officer Uriah replied Mr Lexi. Later officer Uriah assured Mr Lexi that he is going to collect samples from both Zico and madam Zagatha for DNA test. At the end of this talk with Mr Lexi officer Uriah told Mr Lexi : " goog bye".- then later officer Uriah left the office.

CAPTER 4

A day later officer Uriah gave himself break by going to beach to swim so that he can relieve himself of the chronic stress that came from thinking about Zico's heartbreaking case.

Two days later officer Uriah sought permission from madam Zagatha's family members so that he can be able to collect madam Zagatha's blood sample for DNA test. These family members have been aware of the happenings concerning Zico's case so far. Fortunately these family members granted officer Uriah the permission. These family members were from both madam Zagatha's husband's and father's family. There was then an agreement for one of the elder brothers of madam Zagatha to follow officer Uriah to the mortuary- and that elder brother of madam Zagatha agreed to follow officer Uriah to the mortuary. -Afterwards document was produced to certify permission.

Three days later, officer Uriah went to the mortuary with Zico's uncle(Zico's mother's brother) where madam zagatha's lifeless body was kept. When officer Uriah saw a mortuary attendant, he gave his identity to the mortuary attendant and told the same mortuary attendant the name of the police station that he is employed-in. "OK sir, how can I help you?", the mortuary attendant said to officer Uriah. " I am here to collect blood sample from a dead woman named Zagatha for DNA test", officer Uriah replied. " OK sir, but why do you want to do a DNA test on the blood sample, and has the relatives of the woman approved that you can collect blood sample from her?", the mortuary attendant responded to officer Uriah. Then officer Uriah showed the mortuary attendant document that indicates the approval for the blood sample to be taken from the dead woman; officer Uriah also gave out the reason why he wanted the DNA test to be conducted on the blood sample; officer Uriah also gave the identity of the person he came with: he made known that the person he came with is the elder brother of the dead woman. This elder brother of madam Zagatha acted, showing that he agreed to the identification of him given to the mortuary attendant. Fortunately, officer Uriah and the elder brother of madam Zagatha were granted permission and told how the blood sample can be gotten. When they reached where the lifeless body of Madam Zagatha was placed, -the elder brother of madam Zagatha upon seeing the dead body of her sister wept profusely. Meanwhile, fortunately the blood sample was collected. -Both officer Uriah and the elder brother of Madam Zagatha thanked the mortuary attendant and some of the other workers in the mortuary and then left.

On the same day that blood sample was collected from the dead madam Zagatha's body, officer Uriah went to the prison where Zico is incarcerated and ordered that blood sample should be collected from Zico. Fortunately the blood sample collection from Zico was successful.

Few hours later office Uriah was in that diagnostic centre that he submitted the blood stained cloths for DNA test. He then submitted in there the blood samples gotten from both Zico's and madam Zagatha's bodies for DNA test to be done on it. This time, unlike before, officer Uriah knew exactly what to do to submit blood samples for DNA test at the diagnostic centre; officer Uriah didn't need to ask anyone questions. After submitting the blood samples he was told told to come in three days time to collect test result.

CHAPTER 5

Three days later when officer saw the DNA test result he collected from the diagnostic centre, cold ran through his blood. The test result confirmed that it was Zico that killed his mother. Tears ran down the cheek of officer Uriah.

On that same day that the DNA test result of the blood samples of Zico and madam Zagatha was collected, officer Uriah reached in the morning at the police station where Zico is incacerated. Officer Uriah made Zico to appear in the interrogation room. " Zico tell me the truth, did you kill your mother for money ritual?", Officer Uriah asked, "No sir", Zico replied. " DNA test done on the blood stained cloths found at your crime scene, and DNA test done on the blood

samples gotten from your body and your mother's body all proved that you really killed your mother. So that video showing where you killed your mother wasn't fake", officer Uriah uttered to Zico, "once again, tell me the truth, did you kill your mother for money ritual", officer Uriah continued to inquire, "no sir, I didn't kill my mother for money ritual", Zico replied. "I am going to order for you to be tortured if you don't tell me the truth", officer Uriah angrily said to Zico. Despite the threat from officer Uriah, Zico still insisted that he didn't kill his mother. Then later, officer Uriah ordered for Zico to be tortured.- Officer Uriah told Zico that the torturers shall torture him non-stop unless he finally wishes to confess. After severe torturing of Zico in his prison room by other security operatives, Zico said that he is ready to say the truth. One of the security operatives torturing Zico went to the office of officer Uriah and said: "sir, Zico said that he is ready to say the truth". "Ok, then bring him to the interrogation room", officer Uriah responded, "OK sir", the torturing security operative replied. Few minutes later Zico was brought to the interrogation room. "I heard that you said that you are ready to say the truth concerning the death of your mother", Officer Uriah said to Zico, "yes I want to say the truth", Zico replied, "OK you can go on", officer Uriah said to Zico. Zico then began by saying "I killed my mother for money ritual. Although I had sufficient means for my needs before I killed my mother, but I was ashamed that some of the people I know were intimidating me with the fact that they're richer than me. The need to feel superior by being richer and spending more money than every one lead me to kill my mother for money ritual. The pride that comes from feeling superior to another person gives me pleasure. Starting from a particular time I began to feel that school is not important and that school can't make me to have quickly-gotten large money. The education given to me was that school can be important only if it is a key to acquiring money; I was told that school certificates was a licence for acquiring money. Then later I started despising school. I no longer go to school regularly. I befriended people that are involved in cultism; these people were very rich people - I admired them and they became my role models. Moreover there was a friend who influenced me more than all other of my friends- the name of this friend is Baon- Baon told me that it was 'killing for money ritual' that was the source of his wealth after I inquired from him to let me know the source of his wealth. So because of all these influence I ended up killing my mother for money ritual. I was introduced to a shaman who told me that he can make me become rich but that I have to do some certain things to appease the god(Amadioha). The shaman said that the only means possible for me to be rich was by doing certain things including to kill my mother. In order to appease the god he made me drink fresh blood of a sheep and lay down inside a casket and later induced me to kill my mother". "Aren't you a christian?" officer Uriah asked Zico, "I am a christian" , Zico answered, "Didn't you embrace the things(like for example the commandment of God against killing fellow human beings) about Christianity as being nice?" Officer Uriah asked Zico, "I do ", Zico replied, "then why did you go against the teachings of christianity by killing your mother?", Officer Uriah asked Zico, "since God can forgive such a sin, I felt that I can be forgiven of the sin after I ask for forgiveness" Zico replied, "you seem not to fear God. what did the shaman say about the god that he wanted you to appease?" , Officer Uriah asked, "The shaman seems not to have a real picture of the god in his mind. The shaman said the gods(Agbara/Mmuos) is a solid state substance that the eyes cannot see.". Zico replied, "Well, every Idea has its own characteristics, and no two ideas can have exactly the same characteristics. Without characteristics an idea can't exist. Different characteristics or bundles of characteristics are of different ideas. Our conversation concernig agbara are the characteristics of Agbara. By your utterance, It is obvious to conclude that Agbara does not exist since something that the eye can't see can't exist. But suppose I say "Agbara does not exist," and suppose you ask "What is it that does not exist?" It would seem that, if I say "it is Agbara," I am attributing some sort of existence to it. Obviously I am not making the same statement as if I said, "The round square does not exist." This seemed to imply that Agbara is one thing and the round

square is another, although neither exists. The theory of description invented by a certain philosopher named Bertrand Russell was designed to meet this and other difficulties. Well, to solve this problem requires to rightly analyse "Agbara does not exist". Thus 'Agbara does not exist' means: "There is no entity d such that 'x is agbara' is true when x is d, but not otherwise." - With this definition the puzzle as to what is meant when we say "Agbara does not exist" disappears. That means that the said gods(Agbara) does not exist," Zico said while crying, " yes that's what it means. But the fact is that you must face the laws of the land. One of the laws of the land is that anyone that kills an innocent person must be killed" officer Uriah said, " Please pardon me, my wicked act towards my mother was due to stupidity and foolishness," Zico said while crying, " Only the laws of the land will determine your fate" Officer Uriah said to Zico.

Later, by also the request of officer Uriah, Zico was taken to the prison room.

After a week time, Zico was found guilty of killing his mother for money ritual - he was later sentenced to death since the laws of the land prescribed it. Later Zico died by hanging.